SENATE BILL 3892 By Kyle

> AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Title 8, Title 36, Title 56, Title 68, and Title 71, relative to health care for children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 of this Act as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. This Act shall be known as and may be cited as the "Tennessee Children's Health Insurance Plan Act of 2006."

SECTION 3. The purpose of this part is to create a program to provide health care to children who are not eligible for health care services under any part of Tennessee's TennCare program. The health care services provided for under this part may be provided by the payment for health care through an insurance plan, a health maintenance organization, a managed care plan, or by way of direct payments to health care providers.

SECTION 4. The department of finance and administration will establish, administer, and monitor a program to provide health care to uninsured children.

SECTION 5. The department of finance and administration shall adopt rules and regulations that establish the program's criteria along with any financial standards ordocumentation needed for evaluating income for purposes of determining eligibility. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform

Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. In order to comply with or to implement the provisions of any federal requirement, federal waiver or state plan amendment obtained pursuant to this chapter, the commissioner of finance and administration is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules pursuant to Section 4-5-209.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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